

To interested persons:

Attached is a *preliminary* working draft discussion paper of the Tiered Rates Methodology concept for your review. BPA will hold a workshop on January 8, 2008, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the BPA Rates Hearing Room, to respond to questions regarding this document. Following that workshop, please submit any written comments to BPA, attention: Nita Burbank, by January 11, 2008.

This preliminary TRM discussion paper is not BPA's initial proposal, nor should it be construed as such. The paper, a staff working draft that has not received management and legal review or concurrence, is very rough and normally would not be released externally. However, BPA is providing the paper in response to several requests to allow for public review and input of the TRM concept. In light of this, the next version of this working draft that you will see will be significantly different.

Through the public review and input, BPA can ascertain whether there is general acceptance of the direction in which the TRM is being developed. This preliminary TRM draft reflects some public input BPA has received over the course of several months since the Regional Dialogue Policy was released in July 2007. If you see areas where simplification is possible, please point them out. While the written comments are not meant to be formal; the comments will be posted on the Regional Dialogue Policy Implementation Web site.

BPA will continue to refine and develop the draft TRM. The next draft will be the focus of a series of workshops in late January/early February.

Please direct questions and return your comments to Nita Burbank at nmburbank@bpa.gov. This document will be posted to BPA's Web site, most likely on Wednesday, Dec. 26.

Thank you,
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